



**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
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Dear Reviewers:

We are pleased to provide you with the first installment of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP), Volume I: Visions for Ecosystem Elements. In this volume we identify and describe the important ecological processes, habitats, species, and stressors that constitute the primary ecosystem elements forming the foundation of our Ecosystem Restoration Program.

We will be providing Volume II: Ecological Zone Visions, and Volume III: Visions for Adaptive Management, Indicators of Ecological Health, Monitoring, Focused Research, and Phased Implementation in late June and early July, respectively. These anticipated release dates are modified from our earlier projected release dates and are a result of efforts to improve the quality and consistency of the ERPP. When all three volumes are available to the public, we will set a 45-day review period and conduct an ERPP workshop near the end of the review period. We anticipate closure of the review period during mid-August. This date will be confirmed in the release of Volume III.

As you review this document, please consider the following questions:

- ▶ Have we adequately identified the relevant ecological processes needed to support a healthy Bay-Delta ecosystem?
- ▶ Have we adequately identified the important habitats required by fish, wildlife, and plant communities in the Bay-Delta ecosystem?
- ▶ Have we adequately identified the fish, wildlife, and plants species which depend on healthy ecological processes and habitats in the Bay-Delta ecosystem?
- ▶ Have we adequately identified the stressors which impair the ecological processes, habitats, or species described above?

We look forward to your comments and appreciate your time and effort in helping us design and refine the ERPP. If you would like to host or participate in discussions and further refinement of Volume I of the ERPP, please contact Mr. Dick Daniel at the letterhead address or by phone at (916) 657-2666.

Thank you for your interest and review.

Sincerely,

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The Resources Agency
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